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1. The greatest strength of the present Polish Regime and of the Armed Forces is concentrated in officers of field grade and general ranks. These officers, many without proper qualifications, were placed in high positions and ranks because they were dedicated to Communism, were above any political reproach, followed the dictates of the Regime to the letter, and were very strict disciplinarians. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the above qualifications were, in turn, based on selfishness, greed, and fear. [redacted] regimental deputies for operations [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] had been very poorly trained in infantry subjects since they were inept at organizing training programs, did not know which training subjects to stress, etc. 25X1
2. [redacted] about 70 per cent of the company grade officers were in favor of Communism, but many of them were not too well disposed towards the present Polish Government. In addition, many of these officers were not in favor of the Soviet type of Communism nor did they favor the kolkhoz system. There have been many cases of opposition to the Polish Communist Party between 1948 and the present time. [redacted] statistics for the 1948 and 1949 period of arrests for opposition to the Party. 25X1

24 officers in the 4th KBW Regiment, Rzeszow.
10 officers in the 10th KBW Regiment, Poznan.
15 officers in the 11th KBW Regiment, Jelenia Gora.

There were arrests in all KBW Regiments.

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3. [redacted] officers arrested in Rzeszow [redacted] 25X1
 Capt (fnu) Zamorski; Lt (fnu) Bozyk; 2d Lts (fnu) Sikorski 25X1
 and (fnu) Pobilka; and Warrant Officer (fnu) Trabka.
4. Officers hoped that if they committed a serious enough misdemeanor they would be demobilized, but such was not the case. These officers were reassigned to the Industrial Guard, to outpost areas, or to the infantry. If the act committed was interpreted by the court to be of a serious nature, it was probable that the officer would be demobilized only to find himself assigned to a labor battalion. Charges preferred in these cases included those of drunkenness, failure to fulfill military obligations and the commission of immoral acts.
5. The fighting spirit among the junior officers was not based on patriotism, the uniform they wore, or their Government, but rather on fear and discontent with the economic situation at home. Approximately 40 per cent of the NCO's were opposed to the Communist Regime. Sometime in 1951, KBW NCO's were thoroughly investigated and an undetermined number were returned to civilian status.
6. [redacted] when a recruit came on active duty in the KBW 25X1
 he was very much opposed to the Polish Regime. Family influence was a thorn in the Government's side. However, the political indoctrination which the recruit received, plus the fact that family and church influence were no longer present, acted decidedly in favor of the present Communist Regime. [redacted] some 50 per 25X1
 cent of the privates were opposed to the present Regime.

Leaves and Passes in the KBW

7. Officers were entitled to 30 days, and NCO's to 14 days' leave per year which they could usually utilize. Privates were theoretically entitled to 12 days' leave per year but could rarely utilize this time, in practice. A private was given leave in the case of the death of a parent but none in the case of the death of a brother or sister. Only 10 privates in the KBW company would be given a pass from 1400 to 2000 on Sunday. Privates not on pass could participate in sports, go to the caserne movies or write letters.

Food Allocation for the KBW

8. Since 1951 the daily fare or diet for the KBW has decreased quite noticeably. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] food allocation data:

Bread 80 per cent rye	800 grams per day
Pork (not always available)	180 grams per day
Sugar	50 grams per day
Herring (not always available)	50 grams per day
Coffee	50 grams per day
Pepper	.05 grams per day
Bacon	30 grams per day

9. Soup, made from dry vegetables, was served three times per day. Oil was used in place of bacon in soups. There were no lard, margarine, butter or eggs in the ration. [redacted] the allocation was 25X1
 insufficient to satisfy the food requirements for members of the KBW.

Officer Pay in the KBW

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10. [redacted]
 [redacted] An Internal Security officer with the
 rank of 1st lieutenant received more than [redacted] an infantry captain.
 Married officers received more than [redacted] the bachelors [redacted] 25X1

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